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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 92

AN ACT to Limit the Minimum Wage Exemption for Summer Camp Employees.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

26 MRSA § 663, sub-§ 3, ¶ F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 410, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

F. Those employees who are counsellors or junior counsellors at summer camps for boys and girls; and employees who are under the age of 19 and are regularly enrolled in an educational institution or are on vacation therefrom, and who are employees of summer camps operated by or belonging to corporations or associations existing under the provisions of Title 13, Part 2.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 93

AN ACT to Require that Newly Constructed or Reconstructed Public Buildings be made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2701, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 367, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Furthermore, it shall also mean a structure or facility constructed, in whole or in part, with either state or federal funds, and specifically intended as a place where 5 persons or more will be employed or for public housing. Public housing for the purposes of this chapter shall include a minimum of 20 family units.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2702, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 367, is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

If doors at a primary entrance are in a series, they shall have a space between them of not less than 84 inches measured from their closed positions and each shall open so that swings do not conflict.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA § 2702, sub-§ 8, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 367, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

8. Rest rooms and bathrooms. In accordance with the nature of a building, an appropriate number of rest room facilities shall be accessible and usable by the physically handicapped. Furthermore, in any building designed and constructed specifically for public housing, the bathroom facility and all accompanying fixtures shall be arranged to permit access and use by a person in a wheelchair in at least 5% of the living units. Such units shall be constructed on a single level and entrance to the bathroom shall be no less than 30 inches in width.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA § 2703, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. **Conformity.** The state, county or municipal authority charged with administering this chapter shall not approve any plan for constructing a public building that does not conform to this chapter.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 94

AN ACT Requiring the Ramping of Curbs at Crosswalks for Physically Handicapped and Elderly Persons.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

23 MRSA § 706, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. **Physically handicapped; adequate ramping.** Adequate and reasonable access shall be provided for the safe and convenient movement of physically handicapped persons, including those in wheelchairs, across curbs constructed or replaced on or after July 1, 1976, at all pedestrian crosswalks throughout the State.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 95

AN ACT Relating to the Filing of Criminal Cases.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 1, 2nd ¶, is amended to read:

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit a court from filing a case upon payment of costs without a conviction; **provided, however, that upon motion at any time by either party, the court shall bring a filed case forward and proceed to a disposition of the pending complaint.**

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 96

AN ACT Placing the Secretary to the Attorney General in Unclassified Service of State Government.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the position of secretary to the Attorney General is in the classified service; and